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fixed

- adj 1: (of a number) having a fixed and unchanging value
 2: fixed and unmoving; "with eyes set in a fixed glassy stare"; "his bearded face already has a set hollow look"- Connor Cruise O'Brien; "a face rigid with pain" [syn: set, rigid]
 3: securely placed or fastened or set; "a fixed piece of wood"; "a fixed resistor" [ant: unfixed]
 4: intent and directed steadily; "had her gaze fastened on the stranger"; "a fixed expression" [syn: fastened]
 5: incapable of being changed or moved or undone; e.g. "frozen prices"; "living on fixed incomes" [syn: frozen]
 6: mended or put in working order; "a reconditioned sewing machine"; "a repaired vacuum cleaner"; "the broken lock is now fixed" [syn: reconditioned, repaired]
 7: not increasing as the amount taxed increases [syn: flat]
 8: specified in advance; "a given number"; "we will meet at a given time and location" [syn: given]
 9: directed with intense concentration; "a fixed stare"; "an intent gaze" [syn: intent]

Source: Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary (1913)

Fix \Fix\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. Fixed (f[i^]kst); p. pr. & vb. n. Fixing.] [Cf. F. fixer.]

1. To make firm, stable, or fast; to set or place permanently; to fasten immovably; to establish; to implant; to secure; to make definite.

An ass's nose I fixed on his head. --Shak.

O, fix thy chair of grace, that all my powers May also fix their reverence. --Herbert.

His heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. --Ps. cxii. 7.

And fix far deeper in his head their stings. --Milton.

2. To hold steadily; to direct unwaveringly; to fasten, as the eye on an object, the attention on a speaker.

sat fixed in thought the mighty Stagirite. --Pope.

One eye on death, and one full fix'd on heaven. --Young.

3. To transfix; to pierce. [Obs.] --Sandys.

4. (Photog.) To render (an impression) permanent by treating with such applications as will make it insensible to the action of light. --Abney.

5. To put in order; to arrange; to dispose of; to adjust; to set to rights; to set or place in the manner desired or most suitable; hence, to repair; as, to fix the clothes;

to fix the furniture of a room. [Colloq. U.S.]

6. (Iron Manuf.) To line the hearth of (a puddling furnace) with fettling.

Syn: To arrange; prepare; adjust; place; establish; settle; determine.

Fixed \Fixed\ (f[i^]kst), a.

1. Securely placed or fastened; settled; established; firm; imovable; unalterable.

2. (Chem.) Stable; non-volatile.

Fixed air (Old Chem.), carbonic acid or carbon dioxide; -- so called by Dr. Black because it can be absorbed or fixed by strong bases. See Carbonic acid, under Carbonic.

Fixed alkali (Old Chem.), a non-volatile base, as soda, or potash, in distinction from the volatile alkali ammonia.

Fixed ammunition (Mil.), a projectile and powder inclosed together in a case ready for loading.

Fixed battery (Mil.), a battery which contains heavy guns and mortars intended to remain stationary; -- distinguished from movable battery.

Fixed bodies, those which can not be volatilized or separated by a common menstruum, without great difficulty, as gold, platinum, lime, etc.

Fixed capital. See the Note under Capital, n., 4.

Fixed fact, a well established fact. [Colloq.]

Fixed light, one which emits constant beams; -- distinguished from a flashing, revolving, or intermittent light.

Fixed oils (Chem.), non-volatile, oily substances, as stearine and olein, which leave a permanent greasy stain, and which can not be distilled unchanged; -- distinguished from volatile or essential oils.

Fixed pivot (Mil.), the fixed point about which any line of troops wheels.

Fixed stars (Astron.), such stars as always retain nearly the same apparent position and distance with respect to each other, thus distinguished from planets and comets.